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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REQUEST FOR MULTILATERAL
INFORMATION ON HOST GOVERNMENTS

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1. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ROBERT S. BARRETT IS DESIGNATED
MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (MLO) VICE GILBERT H. SHEINBAUM
WHO HAS DEPARTED POST.

2. REF B IS STILL AN ACCURATE PRESENTATION OF MALAGASY
POSITION AND ATTITUDE REGARDING MULTILATERAL BODIES, WITH
THE EXCEPTION OF THE LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS, (E) AND "OVERVIEW",
FOR WHICH THE FOLLOWING TEXT SHOULD BE SUBSTITUTED:

(E) U.S. LEVERAGE WITH THE PRESENT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT IS
NEGLECTIBLE IN MOST MATTERS AND PROBABLY CLOSE TO NON-EXISTENT
ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES. WE ARE USUALLY ABLE TO PRESENT OUR
VIEWS ON SHORT NOTICE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S TOP
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SUBSTANTIVE ASSISTANTS WHO ARE PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS FULLY
ABLE TO UNDERSTAND OUR VIEWPOINTS, SOMETIMES SYMPATHETICALLY.
I BELIEVE OUR VIEWS ARE THEN FAITHFULLY REPORTED TO THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, USUALLY IN WRITING. WE DO NOT KNOW
WHETHER THEY GO ANY FURTHER UP THE LINE. IT IS EVIDENT
THAT THEY HAVE NO EFFECT ON DETERMINING THE POSITION OF
THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS NEVER SOLICITED OUR

SUPPORT ON ANY MULTILATERAL MATTER.

OVERVIEW. PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S CONCERN WITH INTER-NATIONAL RELATIONS, WHICH OCCUPIED ALL HIS TIME WHEN HE WAS FOREIGN MINISTER, APPEARS TO HAVE GRADUALLY DECLINED SINCE HE BECAME CHIEF OF STATE IN JUNE 1975, AND HE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY PREOCCUPIED WITH INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, PARTICULARLY THE ORGANIZATION OF NEW GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION ADOPTED AT HIS URGING IN DECEMBER 1975. THIS ALTERATION IN PRIORITIES HAS BEEN REFLECTED IN THE RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION BY THE MALAGASY GOVERNMENT IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WENT TO THE ARAB-AFRO SUMMIT IN CAIRO IN MARCH, BUT ATTENDANCE AT THE RECENT OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE AND THE UN MEETING ON SOUTHERN AFRICA IN MAPUTO WAS AT SUB-MINISTERIAL LEVEL. AT PRESENT RATSIRAKA SEEMS TO GIVE PRIORITY IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TO MADAGASCAR'S RELATIONS WITH SELECTED "PROGRESSIVE" STATES, EITHER NEW AND STRUGGLING, SUCH AS THE SAHARA AND MOZAMBIQUE, OR DISTANT AND RADICAL, SUCH AS NORTH KOREA AND BENIN, THESE ONE-ON-ONE RELATIONSHIPS BEING BETTER CALCULATED TO ENHANCE MADAGASCAR'S IMAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE THAN MORE OBSCURE ACTIVITY IN LARGE INTERNATIONAL FORUMS. OUR DEMARCHES REGARDING SUCH FORUMS WIL CONTINUE TO HAVE LITTLE OR NO IMPACT. CONVERSELY, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS OR THE

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CHINESE HAVE TO DO MUCH TO GET MADAGASCAR TO VOTE THEIR WAY IN THESE GATHERINGS, EXCEPT ON ISSUES ON WHICH THEY THEMSELVES DISAGREE.BARRETT

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